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#### 1.0 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

(7.1.1)

This procedure describes the process for the identification, prevention, evaluation, notification, and disposition of suspect/counterfeit items (S/CIs) at WRPS. This procedure applies to items that are:

- In the procurement cycle
- In source or receiving inspection
- In inventory at warehouses and staging areas
- Installed
- In operation.

This procedure applies to:

- Company ordered material
- Material supplied by subcontractors
- Material and test equipment supplied by test sponsors
- Construction
- Fabrication shops
- Laboratory work and experiments
- Surplus/excess property
- Government property
- Material obtained from U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) sources.

### 2.0 IMPLEMENTATION

This procedure is effective on the date shown in the header.

#### 3.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

### 3.1 Procurement Personnel

Maintain awareness of S/CI and support S/CI program implementation.

### 3.2 Inspection Personnel

Perform inspections for conformance or acceptance of material including verifications that the item(s) being inspected do not exhibit indications attributed to potential suspect/counterfeit items.

### 3.3 Quality Assurance Engineer

- 1. Ensures appropriate procurement controls are implemented to preclude entry of S/CI to the site through review of procurement documents.
- 2. Notifies the S/CI coordinator of nonconformance reports (NCRs) associated with S/CI.

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#### 3.4 S/CI Coordinator

Apprises company, DOE, and DOE local Office of the Inspector General personnel of S/CI status and final disposition.

### 3.5 Assigned Engineering Personnel

- 1. Evaluate S/CI information for applicability to design and procurement specifications, system configuration, and operating conditions.
- 2. Provide technical specifications, critical characteristics, and acceptance methods in support of procurement and inspection activities to prevent introduction of S/CI.

### 3.6 Responsible Managers and Supervisors

- 1. Maintain awareness of S/CI.
- 2. Control potential S/CI.
- 3. Evaluate training needs based on job classification and ensure individuals receive training in S/CI awareness, prevention, detection, and reporting, as appropriate, to respective assignments.

### 4.0 PROCEDURE

#### 4.1 Introduction

The two most common S/CIs found at DOE facilities have been threaded fasteners fraudulently marked as high-strength bolts, and refurbished electrical circuit breakers sold and distributed under false certifications. Purchasers have also been misled into accepting S/CIs that do not conform to specified requirements by falsified documentation.

NOTE: Questions about a specific item should be referred to the S/CI coordinator. Attachment A provides a historical listing of suspect components. Equipment/material types or classes have been established to identify those specific items which are classified as potentially misrepresented or S/CI. Attachment B provides a listing of those classifications and items subject to S/CI control at tank farm facilities.

#### 4.2 Procurement

WRPS Personnel

- 1. Ensure material requirements are specified in subcontracts to preclude the purchase or introduction of S/CI. Use the information in Attachments A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, and I to identify specific components, characteristics, precautions, and other considerations that are to be addressed during the procurement process to prevent introduction of S/CI.
- 2. Ensure material requests for quality level 1, 2, and 3 items and services include appropriate technical specifications, procurement quality clauses, documentation, and inspection requirements to prevent introduction of S/CI.

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	3.	In maintenance and construction/fappropriate requirements to preclu S/CI.	fabrication subcontracts, specify ude the purchase or introduction of
Quality Assurance 4. Engineer		Review procurement documents to ensure they contain the appropriate procurement controls to preclude entry of S/CI to the site.	
Procurement 5. Personnel		Ensure vendor selection complies with qualification requirements for the quality level of the items and services and is based on the vendor's ability to demonstrate the capability of delivering acceptable items.	

Bill of Material Preparers	1.	For quality level 0 and P-Card items listed in Attachment B, designate an S/CI inspection in the special instruction of the Bill of Material in accordance with the requirements of <a href="https://example.com/TFC-BSM-CP_CPR-C-06">TFC-BSM-CP_CPR-C-06</a> .
	2.	Ensure quality level 0 and P-Card items are inspected prior to material issuance.
First Line Manager	3.	Obtain on-site S/CI inspection for quality level 0 and P-Card items prior to material issue and use.
Engineering Personnel	4.	Provide technical specifications, critical characteristics, and acceptance methods to facilitate inspection planning for S/CI prevention and detection.
Quality Assurance Engineer	5.	Ensure S/CI detection criteria is incorporated into QA inspection planning activities.
Assigned Inspection Personnel	6.	Use Attachments G, H, and I as resources for detecting S/CIs during walkdowns and inspections. Specific items are subject to inspection.
	7.	Verify and document that the items being inspected do not exhibit indications attributed to potential S/CIs as described in Attachments G through I

- through J.
- 8. If an S/CI is detected during inspection activities, document and control the S/CI in accordance with TFC-ESHQ-Q ADM-C-02.

#### 4.4 Control of Material Identified as S/CI

Responsible Manager
or Delegate

- 1. Ensure items identified as potential S/CI are documented as nonconforming and controlled in accordance with TFC-ESHQ-Q ADM-C-02. Non conformances identified as S/CI shall be reviewed and processed within four working days to determine whether or not the items are S/CI.
- 2. Transfer tagged S/CIs to 2101-HV for storage.

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Cognizant Quality Engineer 3. Notify the S/CI coordinator of all NCRs associated with the S/CI.

### 4.5 Reporting of S/CI

### Assigned Company Personnel

1. Report all items identified as potential S/CI in accordance with TFC-OPS-OPER-C-24. (7.1.1)

NOTE: Reporting of S/CIs is required regardless of safety class, where the S/CIs are located (receiving inspection, inventory/storage areas, fabrication and maintenance areas, installed, etc.), or their operating status.

#### S/CI Coordinator

- 2. Notify the DOE S/CI coordinator of all occurrence reports associated with S/CIs. As appropriate, transmit copies of NCRs and applicable documentation.
- 3. Notify the DOE local Office of Inspector General of all S/CIs. Notification should be e-mailed to the DOE local Office of Inspector General points of contact providing information in the following format:
  - NCR number
  - Date NCR was written
  - Purchase order/job control number (if known)
  - End use of product
  - Name of manufacturer, distributor, supplier
  - Safety class (if known)
  - Occurrence report number
  - Value of item(s)
  - Point(s) of contact
  - Description of item(s)
  - Quantity
  - Description of nonconformance
  - Any other pertinent information that would help the DOE local Office of Inspector General.

### 4.6 Acceptance, Removal, and Disposition of S/CI

### S/CI Coordinator

- 1. Notify responsible company personnel that S/CI may not be destroyed or disposed of without written release from the DOE local Office of Inspector General.
- 2 Prior to destroying or disposing of S/CIs, consult the Inspector General to determine if there is a need to retain the items as evidence for potential litigation. Based on the Office of Inspector General's decision, either:
  - a. Retain S/CI material as evidence for potential litigation, or

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			Release S/CI material for f directed by the S/CI coordi	nal disposition and/or disposal anator.	ıs
Engineering Personnel	3.		S/CI to determine if its us proposed application.	e could create a safety hazard in	its
Assigned Company Personnel	4.			S/CI has determined that its use ts current/proposed application:	
		a. I	Disposition the S/CI to rem	ain in place.	
		1 S	emoval, or replacement af	tioning S/CI is by acceptance, ter an engineering evaluation. T cient characteristic of the particu	
		(		by marking with orange paint or and note its location in the Work	
		8	are subject to cyclic loading	mperatures are 500°F and above g where fatigue failure is likely than 8.2 S/CI fasteners prior to at.	
			Engineering must also iden application it may not be su	tify a way to prevent its reuse in itable for.	an
		e. I	If removed, prepare the S/O	CI for disposal.	
	5.	•	•	S/CI has determined that its use urrent/proposed application:	:
			Contact Base Operations S equipment.	hift Operations to secure the	
		b. I	Remove the S/CI as soon a	s practical.	
			Γag, segregate, or otherwis nadvertent use.	e control the S/CI to prevent	
		d. I	Prepare the S/CI for dispos	al.	
S/CI Coordinator	6.	controlle	d and arranged for the mat	itioned for disposal is properly erial to be permanently and be used. Examples of alteration	ıs

Melting Shredding

Destroying the threads on fasteners.

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7. If the DOE/Office of Inspector General has approved disposal, arrange for pick-up and disposal of the altered S/CI material on a yearly basis. Burying S/CIs may be acceptable if they do not contain hazardous material or material prohibited by federal, state, or local regulations.

### 4.7 Surplus/Excess Material

## Responsible Personnel

- 1. Remove S/CI from surplus/excess material before they are released for sale or transfer of accountability.
- 2. Ensure surplus items received from DOE or other facilities are inspected for S/CI prior to installation.

### 4.8 Assessments

### Performance Assurance

1. Conduct assessments of the effectiveness of the S/CI program.

NOTE: The assessment should be performance based and designed to determine if company activities are conducted in accordance with this procedure, DOE 414.1B, DOE O 440.1A, DOE G 414.1-3, and 10 CFR 830, Subpart A.

2. Lines of inquiry will be used as appropriate during assessments in areas that interface with the S/CI process. See Attachment J.

### 4.9 Training

## Managers and Supervisors

- 1. Evaluate individual training needs of assigned personnel to ensure they are proficient in S/CI identification and control procedures within their areas of responsibility.
- 2. All personnel involved in the following specific areas will receive S/CI process and hands-on training, whether it be formal, continuing training, or required reading. The formal training course that is available is Module #1, Course 170720, "Suspect/Counterfeit Items."
  - Quality Assurance/technicians
  - Engineers (design, systems, etc.) who procure materials/ equipment
  - Maintenance personnel (electricians, pipefitters, millwrights, instrument technicians)
  - Warehouse personnel who handle and process materials/ equipment
  - Tool crib attendants.

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S/CI Coordinator

- 3. Collect, maintain, disseminate, and use the most accurate, up-to-date information on S/CIs and suppliers using all available sources, including:
  - Government-Industry Data Exchange Program (www.gidep.org)
  - Institute of Nuclear Operators (<u>www.inpo.org</u>)
  - DOE Occurrence Reporting and Processing System
  - DOE Suspect/Counterfeit web site (http://tis.eh.doe.gov/paa/sci/.

NOTE: Information identified during this review that may be applicable to WRPS's on-site suspect/counterfeit program will be provided to the appropriate personnel using one of the following methods: lessons learned, required reading, briefings, training, or changes to this procedure.

### 5.0 **DEFINITIONS**

<u>Counterfeit part</u>. A part made or altered so as to imitate or resemble an "approved part" without authority or right, and with the intent to mislead or defraud by passing the imitation as original or genuine.

Fastener (regardless of the safety classification).

- A screw, nut, bolt, or stud with internal or external threads or a load-indicating washer with a nominal diameter of 5 millimeters or greater in the case of such items described in metric terms; or 1/4 inch or greater in the case of such items in terms of the English system of measurement which contains any quantity of metal and held out as meeting a standard or specification which requires through-hardening; or
- A screw, nut, bolt, or stud having internal or external threads which bears a grade identification marking required by a standard or specification; or
- A washer to the extent that it is subject to a standard or specification applicable to a screw, nut, bolt, or studs described above, except that such term does not include any screw, nut, bolt, or stud that is produced and marked as American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) A 307 Grade A or produced in accordance with ASTM F432.

<u>Grade identification</u>. Any symbol appearing on a fastener purporting to indicate that the fastener's base material, strength properties, or performance capabilities conform to a specific standard of a consensus standards organization or government agency.

<u>Graded classifications</u>. System used to determine minimum requirements for structures, systems and components (e.g., design, operation, procurement, and maintenance requirements). The graded classifications in order of precedence are safety class, safety significant, and enhanced quality general services.

<u>High strength graded fastener</u>. Fasteners having a minimum tensile strength of 75 ksi, including those produced and procured in accordance with the Society of Automotive Engineers Standard

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J429, Grades 5, 5.2, 8, and 8.2; ASTM Standard A325, Types 1, 2, and 3; ASTM A490, ASTM A354, ASTM A449 (I&II), and some ASTM F468.

<u>Item.</u> An all-inclusive term used in place of any of the following: appurtenance, assembly, component, equipment, material, module, part, structure, subassembly, subsystem, system, or unit.

An all-inclusive term used in place of any of the following: appurtenance, facility, sample, assembly, component, equipment, material, module, part, structure, subassembly, subsystem, system, unit, documented concept, or data.

<u>Substantial safety hazard</u>. A loss of safety function to the extent that there is a major reduction in the degree of protection to the public or employee health and safety.

Suspect/counterfeit items. A suspect item is one in which there is an indication by visual inspection, testing, or other information that it may not conform to established Government or industry-accepted specifications or national consensus standards. A counterfeit item is a suspect item that is a copy or substitute without legal right or authority to do so or one whose material, performance, or characteristics are knowingly misrepresented by the vendor, supplier, distributor, or manufacturer. An item that does not conform to established requirements is not normally considered S/CI if the nonconformity results from one or more of the following conditions, which should be controlled by site procedures as nonconforming items:

- Defects resulting from inadequate design or production quality control
- Damage during shipping, handling, or storage
- Improper installation
- Deterioration during service
- Degradation during removal
- Failure resulting from aging or misapplication, or
- Other controllable causes.

### 6.0 RECORDS

No records are generated during the performance of this procedure.

#### 7.0 SOURCES

### 7.1 Requirements

1. TFC-PLN-02, "Quality Assurance Program Description."

### 7.2 References

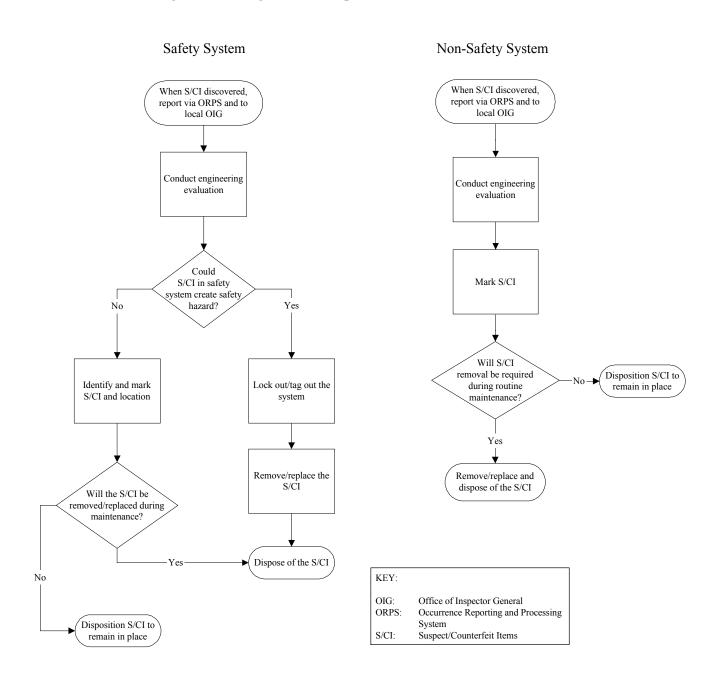
- 1. DOE G 414.1-3, "Suspect/Counterfeit Items Guide for Use with 10 CFR 830 Subpart A, Quality Assurance Requirements, and DOE O 414.1B, Quality Assurance."
- 2. NRC Information Notice 89-70: "Possible Indications of Misrepresented Vendor Products."
- 3. NRC Information Notice 89-70, Supplement 1: "Possible Indications of Misrepresented Vendor Products."

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- 4. TFC-BSM-CP\_CPR-C-01, "Purchasing Card (P-Card)."
- 5. TFC-BSM-CP CPR-C-05, "Procurement of Services."
- 6. TFC-BSM-CP\_CPR-C-06, "Procurement of Items (Materials)."
- 7. TFC-BSM-CP CPR-C-09, "Supply Chain Process."
- 8. TFC-BSM-CP\_CPR-C-18, "Material Receipt, Storage, Issuance, Return, and Excess Control."
- 9. TFC-ESHQ-Q\_ADM-C-02, "Nonconforming Item Reporting and Control."
- 10. TFC-OPS-OPER-C-24, "Occurrence Reporting and Processing of Operations Information."
- 11. TFC-PLN-03, "Engineering Program Management Plan."
- 12. TFC-PLN-100, "Tank Operations Contractor Requirements Basis Document."

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Figure 1. Management of Suspect/Counterfeit Items.



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NOTE: It is not necessarily a negative reflection on a supplier or manufacturer if S/CIs are reported regarding its particular product. Reputable manufacturers and suppliers have a vital interest in preventing the manufacture or distribution of S/CI associated with themselves. It may be that the supplier or manufacturer was victimized and is pursuing S/CI associated with its products in an aggressive, prudent, and professional manner in order to get such items off the market. Therefore, each particular case regarding the manufacture or supply of S/CI must be examined on its own merit without making premature conclusions regarding fault or culpability of the manufacturer or supplier whose name is associated with the S/CI. In short, what follows is a "suspect components list" and not a "suspect manufacturer or supplier list." The manufacturer or supplier identified in the following table should not be considered to have engaged in any wrongdoing without additional information.

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Component	Manufacturer/Type	Description	Supplier	References
Circuit Breakers	General Electric (Component Examples)  • AKF-2-25  • EC Trip Types, E-C-1, E-C-2A  • AK All Types	Metal clad, low voltage, DC	Satin America & Circuit Breaker Systems Inc.	NRC I.N. 89-45, Supplements and Attachments SENS Report ID #6 5/23/89
Circuit Breakers	General Electric (Component Examples)  • AK-3A-25 • KHL-36 125 • THEF 136050 • AK-2-75-3 • AK-2 • AK-1-50 • AK-1-75 • B • TDQ • TCVVFS • TFJ • TEB122015-WL • TEB132090-WL • TE111015 • TED134060-WL • TEB124050-WL • THED136100 WL • TED126050 • THED136060 WL • THED136060 WL • THED136050 • THED136050-WL • THED136050-WL • THED136050-WL • THED-136050-WL • TE-122070 • THED-13600-WL • TE-123600-WL • TED-113020 • TEC-360S0 • THED-124015-WL	1, 2, & 3 pole, various amperages	Bud Ferguson's Industrial Control & Supply, Inc.,  General Circuit Breaker & Electrical Supply  HLC Electric Supply  NSSS, Inc.  California Breakers, Inc.  Rosen Electric Equipment  PENCON International (DBA) General Magnetics/ Electric Wholesale  Lakeland Engineering Equipment Co.  ANTI THEFT Systems, Inc. (DBA) ATS Circuit Breakers and AC Circuit Breaker Electrical Supply  California Breakers  Voyter Electric Co.	NRC I.N. 88-46 Supplements and Attachments  NRC I.N. 90-46  Office of Nuclear Safety 93-5 (#11)

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Circuit Breakers	Westinghouse (Component Examples)			
	• TF136090 • TF361050WL • TED1130020			
	Not Provided	Commercial Grade	Westinghouse Electric Supply Co. (WESCO)	NRC I.N. 91-48
	• DB-25 & DS-416	Low Voltage	Satin America & Circuit Breaker Systems, Inc.	NRC I.N. 89-45 & Supplement #2
	<ul> <li>FSN-5925-628-0641</li> <li>DB-25</li> <li>DB-50</li> </ul>	Trip units; Navy Trip units; 1, 2, & 3 pole various amp. ratings	General Circuit Breaker & Electrical Supply	NRC I.N. 88-46, Supplements and Attachments
	<ul><li>HKB3150T</li><li>FB3020</li><li>FB3070</li></ul>	rumgs	HLC Electrical Supply	Office Of Nuclear Safety 93-9
	<ul><li>FB3050</li><li>EHB3025</li><li>LBB3125</li></ul>		California Breakers, Inc.	
	• HKA31250 • JA3200 • EHB2100 • 225N		PENCON International (DBA) General Magnetics/Electric Wholesale	
	<ul> <li>EB 1020</li> <li>HDEA 2030</li> <li>MCP331100R</li> <li>MCP431550CR</li> <li>BAB3060H</li> <li>656D14 8G03</li> </ul>		ANTI THEFT Systems, Inc. (DBA) ATS Circuit Breakers and AC Circuit Breaker - Electrical Supply	
	<ul><li>FA-2100</li><li>EH-2050</li><li>HFB-3050</li></ul>		Molded Case Circuit Breakers	
	<ul><li>HFD(B)-3020</li><li>MA3600</li><li>F2020</li></ul>		NSSS, Inc. Spectrum, Tech.	
	<ul><li>EH2100</li><li>EB3050</li><li>HMC3800F</li></ul>			
	• EA2090 • FA3125 • HMCP 150		Rosen Electric  Luckow Circuit Breaker	

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Circuit Breakers	Westinghouse (cont.) (Component Examples)  • HLB3200T • 262156G19 • 1A & 1B • HL300T • HLA2400TM • HMA3600T • HMA3700T • HKA3225T • HNB2700T  • MDL#KAF • QNB3020 • QNB3030 • BA • BA • BA	225 amp, 3 pole 3 pole, 20 amp 3 pole, 30 amp 1 pole, 20 & 30 amp 2 pole, 20 & 30 amp 3 pole, 60 amp	Not Provided  Not Provided	NRC I.N. 88-46 Supp. & Attach.  SENS ID #10 3-17-89 SENS ID #11 3-3-89
	• F3020			SENS Report ID #12 10-19-88 NRC I.N. 88-46
Circuit Breakers	ITE (Component Examples)			
	• Model - E43B015	3-phase 480 volt	Cal. Breakers/Elect. Wholesale Supply Co.	SENS Report ID #8, 5-5-89
	• EQ-B • EE-3B030	1 pole, 20 amp 3 pole, 30 amp	Not Provided	SENS ID #10 3-17-89 SENS ID #11 3-3-89
	<ul> <li>EF3B070</li> <li>EF3H050</li> <li>EF3B125</li> <li>EF3B040</li> <li>E42B020</li> <li>QJ2B200</li> <li>JL3B400</li> </ul>	2 & 3 pole various amperages	General Circuit Breaker & Electrical Supply HLC Electrical Supply	NRC I.N. 88-46, Supplements and Attachments

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Circuit Breakers	ITE (cont.) (Component Examples)  • HE9B040 • EE3B050 • BQ2B030 • EE3B070 • EE2B100 • EE2B050 • EE2B030 • FJ3B225 • ET • KA • EH-313015 • JL-3B070 • JL-3B150 • E43B015 • EF2-B030 • EH3B100 • QP1B020 • QJ3B200 • EF3B100 • 1193		California Breakers, Inc.  PENCON International (DBA) General Magnetics/ Electric Wholesale  ATS Circuit Breakers, Inc.  Panel Board Specialties  Rosen Electric Equipment	
Circuit Breakers	ITE, Gould & ITE Imperial  Brown Boveri Elect. (BBE) ASEA Brown Boveri (Component Examples)  • Type HK • 5 HK • 7.5 HK • 15 HK • 38 HK • ITE 62-6	Not Provided ID-4KV Not Provided Not Provided Not Provided	Brown Boveri ASEA Brown Boveri	NRC I.N. 89-86 NRC I.N. 87-41 Office of Nuclear Safety, 92-25
Circuit Breakers	Square "D" Co. Component Examples  • KHL 36125 (Any Type)	Molded Case	General Circuit Breaker & Electrical Supply  HLC Electric Supply  California Breakers, Inc.  PENCON International (DBA) General Magnetics/Electric Wholesale	NRC I.N. 88-46 Supp. & Attach. NRCB 88-10 NRC I.N. 90-46

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Circuit Breakers	Square "D" Co. Component Examples (cont.)		ANTI THEFT Systems Inc. (DBA) ATS Circuit Breakers and AC Circuit Breaker - Electrical Supply	
	• QOB220	1 pole, 15 amp	Not Provided	SENS ID #10 3-17-89
	<ul> <li>QO220</li> <li>LO-3</li> <li>SBW-12</li> <li>989316</li> <li>FAL3650-16M or</li> <li>FAL36050-16M</li> <li>KA36200</li> </ul>	2 & 3 pole 20 & 50 amp breakers 3 pole - 200 amp breaker 30A/600V	General Circuit Breaker & Electrical Supply  HLC Electric Supply California Breakers, Inc.	NRC I.N. 89-45 & Supplement #2
	• 999330	Not Provided	PENCON International (DBA) General Magnetics/Electric Wholesale	
	Manufacturer not Provided  • EHB3025	Not Provided	Stokely Enterprises  Molded Case Circuit Breakers	DOE Letter 8-26-91 Reprinted NuVEP: Bulletin 7-26-91
Circuit Breakers	Fed. Pacific (Component Examples)  • NEF431020R  • NE111020  • NE	3 pole, 20 amp 1 pole, 20 amp 1 pole, 15 amp	General Circuit Breaker & Electrical Supply  HLC Electric Supply  California Breakers, Inc.  PENCON International (DBA) General Magnetics/Electric Wholesale	SENS ID. #10 3-17-89

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Component	Manufacturer/Type	Description	Supplier	References
Circuit Breakers	Fed. Pacific (Component Examples) (cont.)  • NF63-1100  • NE22-4060  • NE22-4100  • NEF-433030	1, & 3 pole - 30, 60 & 100 amp breakers	ANTI THEFT Systems, Inc. (DBA) ATS Circuit Breakers and AC Circuit Breaker - Electrical Supply	SENS ID. #11 3-3-89
	• 2P125		General Circuit Breaker & Electrical Supply HLC Electric Supply California Breakers, Inc.	NRC I.N. 88-46, Supp. & Attach.
	Jefferson (Component Examples)	Not Provided	PENCON International (DBA) General Magnetics/electric Wholesale  ANTI THEFT Systems, Inc. (DBA) ATS Circuit Breakers and AC Circuit Breaker - Electrical Supply  Mid West Co.	NRC I.N. 88-46, Supp. & Attach.
Circuit Breakers	Superior (Component Examples)  • 246U-3	Not Provided	General Circuit Breaker & Electrical Supply  Rosen Electric  HLC Electric Supply  California Breakers, Inc.  PENCON International (DBA) General Magnetics/Electric Wholesale  ANTI THEFT Systems, Inc. (DBA) ATS Circuit Breakers and AC Circuit Breaker - Electrical Supply	NRC I.N. 88-46 Supp.& Attach.

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Circuit Breakers	Manufacturer Not Provided (Component Examples) 50DHP250	2 pole - 50 amp	General Circuit Breaker & Electrical Supply  HLC Electric Supply  California Breakers, Inc.  PENCON International (DBA) ATS Circuit Breakers and AC Circuit Breaker - Electrical Supply	NRC I.N. 88-46, Supp. & Attach.
Circuit Breakers	Cutler Hammer (Component Examples)			
Heaters	<ul> <li>10177H13</li> <li>10177H21</li> <li>10177H32</li> <li>10177H036</li> <li>10177H1049</li> </ul>	Not Provided	AAKER  General Circuit Breaker & Electrical Supply  HLC Electrical Supply  California Breakers, Inc.  PENCON International (DBA) General Magnetics/Electric Wholesale  ANTI THEFT Systems, Inc. (DBA) ATS Circuit Breakers and AC Circuit Breaker - Electrical Supply	NRC I.N. 88-46, Supp. & Attach.

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Component	Manufacturer/Type	Description	Supplier	References
Switches	(Component Examples) Crouse Hinds #EDSC2129 Sq. D Type G. Class 9012, 9025, 9016	Tumbler, ft. op	Platt Electric Supply Co. Gen. Motors, Electro-Motive Design	SENS ID #16 1-27-92 Office of Nuclear Safety 93-24 & 93-27
Transmitters	Rosemount	(Component Examples)  • Model 1151 GP  • Model 1151 DP	Venetech	E.L. Wilmot letter dated 8-1-91 H. Richardson letter HR-81-91 dated 8-15-91
Motors	Siemen & Allis (Component Examples) INP 143 T 215 T	10 H.P.	General Circuit Breaker & Electrical Supply  HLC Electric Supply  California Breakers, Inc.  PENCON International (DBA) General Magnetics/Electric Wholesale  ANTI THEFT Systems, Inc. (DBA) ATS Circuit Breakers and AC Circuit Breaker - Electrical Supply  Rosen Electric Equipment	NRC I.N. 88-46, Supplements and Attachments

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Component	Manufacturer/Type	Description	Supplier	References
Relays	Potter & Brumfield (Component Examples) MDR-138, 173-1 134-1, 142-1	Not-latching rotary	Stokely Enterprises Spectronics, Inc. Nutherm International The Martin Co.	NRC I.N. 90-57 & Attach.
	Teledyne	All qualified to MIL-R-28776 and MIL-R-39016	Not Provided	DOE-ID Wilmot letter, 7-16-91
	G.E. & Exide (Component Examples)  • 12HGA-11S52  • NX 400	Overload & Aux.	General Circuit Breaker & Electrical Supply  HLC Electric Supply  California Breakers, Inc.  PENCON International (DBA) General Magnetics/Electric Wholesale  ANTI THEFT Systems, Inc. (DBA) ATS Circuit Breakers and AC Circuit Breaker - Electrical Supply	NRC I.N. 88-46, Supp. & Attach.
	Manufacturer not provided  • FSC-5945	Not Provided	Stokely Enterprises	DOE Letter 8-26-91 Reprinted NuVEP: Bulletin 7-26-91
	Amerace (or Agastat) (Component Examples) Models: E7024 E7022	Electro Pneumatic Timing Relays	Amerace  Control Components Supply	SENS ID #1 11-1-91 NRC I.N. 92-24
	A through L Series Model 7032	PRB		

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Component	Manufacturer/Type	Description	Supplier	References
Fuses	Bussman Co. (Component Examples) REN 15 & NOS-30	15A-250V & 30A-600V	General Circuit Breaker & Electrical Supply  HLC Electric Supply  California Breakers, Inc.  PENCON International (DBA) General Magnetics/Electric Wholesale  ANTI THEFT Systems, Inc. (DBA) ATS Circuit Breakers and AC Circuit Breaker - Electrical Supply	NRC I.N. 88-46, Supp. & Attach.
	Class 1E	All Supplied by PMS	Preventive Maintenance Systems (PMS)	NRC I.N. 88-19
Controllers	Manufacturer Not Listed (Component Examples)	Motor Controllers	Stokely Distributors & Stokely Enterprises, Inc.	DOE letter 8-26-91 & NUVEP Bulletin 7-26-91
Starters	Westinghouse (Component Examples) 626B187G17 626B187G13	Not Provided	General Circuit Breaker & Electrical Supply  HLC Electric Supply  California Breakers, Inc.  PENCON International (DBA) General Magnetics/Electric Wholesale  ANTI THEFT Systems, Inc. (DBA) ATS Circuit Breakers and AC Circuit Breaker - Electrical Supply	NRC I.N. 88-45 Supp. & Attach.
Resistors	Unknown	All	Impala Electronics	NRC I.N. 91-01

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Component	Manufacturer/Type	Description	Supplier	References
Semiconductors	Solid State Devices Inc. (SSDI) SFF 9140	P-Channel MOSFET	SSDI	DOE Albuquerque Letter, 06-25-96 to DOD Inspector
	SPD 1511-1-11	Pin Diode (SA3059)		General
	2A14/18 or 2A14/52	Ion Implanted Diode		
	SSR4045CTTXV	SCHOTTKY Diodes		
	SFF9140TWX	Power Transistors		
	SPMF106ANH	Special Pack MOSFET Switch		
	SPD 5818 or IN5858JTXV	Axial Leaded SCHOTTKY Diode		
	2N797	Transistor		
	Unknown	Diode (SA 3436)		
Starter Controls	Westinghouse (Component Examples)	Not Provided	General Circuit Breaker & Electrical Supply	NRC I.N. 88-48
	• A200MICAC		HLC Electric Supply	
	• A201KICA		California Breakers, Inc.	
	• A201L2CA		Breakers, file.	
	• AN13A		PENCON International (DBA) General Magnetics/Electric Wholesale	
			ANTI THEFT Systems, Inc. (DBA) ATS Circuit Breakers and AC Circuit Breaker - Electrical Supply	

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Gauge Glasses	Siemen & Allis (Component Examples) #00-737-637-118 215 T	Not Provided	Rosen Electric Co.	NRC I.N. 88-46 Supp. & Attach.
Mercury Lamps  Electrical Frames	Spectro Inc. (Component Examples)  V00014  Westinghouse (Component Examples)  LA2600F  LA3600F  MA2800F	Not Provided  Not Provided	General Circuit Breaker & Electrical Supply  HLC Electric Supply  California Breakers, Inc.  PENCON International (DBA) General Magnetics/Electric Wholesale  ANTI THEFT Systems, Inc. (DBA) ATS Circuit Breakers and AC Circuit Breaker - Electrical Supply  General Circuit Breaker & Electrical Supply  HLC Electric Supply  California Breakers, Inc.  PENCON International (DBA) General Magnetics/Electric	NRC I.N. 88-46  NRC I.N. 88-46
			Wholesale  ANTI THEFT Systems, Inc. (DBA) ATS Circuit Breakers and AC Circuit Breaker - Electrical Supply	
Push button station	Crouse Hinds (Component Examples)	Single gang, pushbutton	Platt Electric Supply Co.	SENS Report ID #16 1-27-92
	#00-737-637-118			

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Component	Manufacturer/Type	Description	Supplier	References
Overload Relay Thermal Unit	Square D (Component Examples)	Not Provided	Not Provided	NRC I.N. 88-46
	B19.5, B22			
Piping, Fittings Flanges, and Components	Tube-line Corp. Ray Miller, Inc.	Subassemblies, fittings, flanges, & other components	Tube-line Ray Miller, Inc.	NRC IEB 83-06 NRC I.N. 89-18 NRC IEB 83-07 NRC I.N. 83-01
		(Carbon and Stainless Steel components)		
Piping, Fittings, Flanges, and Components	Piping Supplies, Inc. & West Jersey Mfg. & Chews Landing Metal Mfg.	Carbon and Stainless Steel Fittings and Flanges	Piping Supplies, Inc. & West Jersey Mfg. & Chews Landing Metal Mfg.	NRC Bulletin 88-05 & Supplements
Valves	VOGT	Full port design 2-inch Model SW-13111 & 1023	CMA International IMA Valve Refurbisher	NRC I.N. 88-48 & Supplements
	Crane	4"-1500psi, pressure sealed	Southern Cal. Valve Maintenance co., Amesse Welding Service & CMA Int.	NRC I.N. 91-09
	ITT Grinnell Valve Co., Inc	Diaphragm valves	ITT Grinnell Valve Co. Inc. Div. of Diaflo & ITT Engineered Valves	NRC Comp. Bulletin 87-02
	Crane, Pacific, Powell, Walworth & Lunkenheimer	Gate Valves	Coffeyville Valve Inc.	NRC I.N. 92-56
	Pacific	8" & 3" Globe Valve	CMA & IMA Valve Refurbisher	NRC I.N. 88-48, Supp. & Attach.
	Crane Chapman	24" Check Valve	CMA & IMA Valve Refurbisher	NRC I.N. 88-48, Supp. & Attach.
	Pacific	Check Valve	CMA & IMA Valve Refurbisher	NRC I.N. 88-48, Supp. & Attach.

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Component	Manufacturer/Type	Description	Supplier	References
Valves	Kerotest	8" Valve	CMA & IMA Valve Refurbisher	NRC I.N. 88-48 Supp. & Attach.
	Pacific	4" Gate Valve	CMA & IMA Valve Refurbisher	NRC I.N. 88-48 Supp. & Attach.
	Lukenheimer	6" Model 1542 20" Model 3013	CMA & IMA Valve Refurbisher	NRC I.N. 88-48 Supp. & Attach.
	Crane	All	CMA & IMA Valve Refurbisher	NRC I.N. 88-48 Supp. & Attach.
Flanges	China Ding Zinang Nan Xi Li Flange Co. Shou Cana Mach, Fra	Flanges, ASTM A105, ASME SA105	Billiongold Co. LTD. Tain Gong Co. Sanxi Province	NRC I.N. 92-68 and Attachments
	Shou Gang Mach. Eng. Co.		Overseas Trading Corp	Office of Nuclear Safety 92-25, 93-23, and 92-35
				National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors (NBBI) Bulletin: Special Report, 1992, Volume 48, Number 2, The Chinese Flange Investigation
Valve Replacement Parts	Masoneilian-Dresser Industries	Plug stem, stem to plug anti-rotation pin, seat ring, valve plugs, bushings, cages & packing box components	Cor-Val, Control Valve Specialists, H.H. Barnum & M.D. Norwood, Sample Webtrol Controls, Inc.	NRC I.N. 88-97 Supp. & Attach.
Pumps & Replacement Parts	Hayward Tyler Pump Co.	HTPC ASME Nuclear Code	Hayward Tyler Pump Co.	IEB 83-05 & Attachments
Channel Members	Unistrut Corporation	Continuously slotted channels, structural framing members, fasteners, nuts, fittings, pipe clamps	Unistrut Corporation	NRC I.N. 91-25
Fire Barriers	Thermal Science Inc.	Thermo-Log 330	None Listed	ES&Q Update #8 NRC I.N. 92-55
Valve Actuator	Limitorque	Eyebolts on housing cover	None Listed	Office of Nuclear Safety 93-25
				NRC I.N. 93-37

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Component Manufacturer/	Type Description	Supplier	References
Steel Alloy & Carbon S Co. Inc., Atlantic Co., Levingston S Co., & Copperwe Steel co.	Steel Angle Steel Flat Bar	Meredith Corporation Pressure Vessel Nuclear Alloy & Carbon Steel Co., Inc.	NRC I.N. 89-56, Attachments and Supplements
Fasteners (Bolts, Screws, Nuts, and Washers)  (parentheses design headmark)  Asahi (A) Daiichi (D) Daiei (E) Fastener Co. of Ja (FM) Hinomoto Metal (Jin Her (J) Kyowa (K) Kosaka Kogyo (K Kyoei Minamida Seiybo Mnato Kogyo (M Nippon (NF) Takai (RT) Tsukimori (S) Unytte (UNY) Yamadai (Y) Ivaco, Infasco (hotriangled)	suppliers or manufacturers  Those that are improperly marked  Those of foreign manufacture that do not meet Public Law 101-592. Fastener Quality Act		Commercial Carrier Journal Articles for: 6/88, 1/90, 2/90, 3/90, 4/90, 6/90, 7/90, 12/90  INEL Suspect Headmark List  SENS Report #5 2/6/91  SENS Report #13 2/6/91  HR 3000, U.S. House of Representatives, July 1988  J. A. Jones, Ltr, 9/23/92  Memo from L. Kubicek, 3/28/91  Memo from D. Sanow, 3/8/91  "Fastener Technology International," Feb., April, and June 1993  Rep. J. Dingell Ltr to Comm. Dept. & NRC June 18, 1993  Office of Nuclear Safety 93-26, 93-22, 93-11  DOE Quality Alert, Bulletin, Issue No. 92- 4, August 1992  FDH Hanford Suspect Headmark List

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Component	Manufacturer/Type	Description	Supplier	References
Fasteners (Bolts, Screws, Nuts, and Washers)	NUCOR	1-1/4" x 2" Zinc Chromate plated surface Hexhead cap screws	Cordova Bolt, Inc.	SENS ID #13 11-6/91
	Any	Any	Aircom Barnett Bolt Works Bolts & Nuts, Inc. Glasser & Assoc. Knoxville Bolt & Screw Metal Fastener Supply Phoell Mfg. Co. Service Supply Co. Southeastern Bolt & Screw Sure Loc Victory Bolt	NRC Compliance Bulletin 87-02 NRC I.N. 89-59

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## ATTACHMENT B - CLASSIFICATION OF POTENTIALLY SUSPECT/COUNTERFEIT ITEMS

### A. ELECTRICAL ITEMS

- Molded Case Circuit Breakers
- Motor Control Centers
  - Complete Units
  - Components
  - Starters
  - Starting coils
  - Contactors
  - Overload relays
  - Starter control relays
  - Overload heaters
- Protective/control relays
- DC power supplies/chargers
- AC inverters
- Current/potential transformers
- Exciters/regulators
- Bus transfers/auto bus transfers
- Motor generator sets
- Generators
- Rewindable motors
- Printed circuit boards
- Bulk commodity items
  - Fuses
  - Splices
  - Electrical connectors
- Indicators/controllers
- Panel lights/switches
- Transmitters/instrument switches
- Isolation devices.

The following items are excluded unless required by the applicable program/project: 600V or less: motors; outlets, switches, and plugs; boxes, conduit (i.e., bodies and covers, nipples, fittings, EMT, flex, liquid tight, rigid); wire; miscellaneous wire connections #10 and below; fixtures; lights.

### B. MECHANICAL ITEMS

- Welding materials
  - Rod
  - Wire
  - Flux
- Structural members (pipe supports)
- Channel members

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# ATTACHMENT B - CLASSIFICATION OF POTENTIALLY SUSPECT/COUNTERFEIT ITEMS (cont.)

- Sheet
- Plate
- Bars
- Round stock
- Other raw material which requires an ASTM or national standard
- All lifting/rigging gear (wire rope shall be made in the United States by a member of
  the Wire Rope Technical Board (WRTB) or the Associated Wire Rope Fabricators
  (AWRF) (except stainless steel, and unless recommended otherwise by a crane or hoist
  manufacturer); stainless steel wire rope shall be made in the United States and shall be
  302 or 304 grade stainless steel unless otherwise recommended by a crane or hoist
  manufacturer)
- Ratchet tie-downs/strapping devices and come-a-longs, with fasteners.

The following materials are excluded unless required by the applicable program/project: ASTM-A36, brass, copper, sheet metal 7 GA or less, and aluminum.

- C. PIPING which requires an ASTM or ASME standard
  - Fittings
  - Flanges
  - Valves
  - Pipe
  - Components.

The following materials are excluded unless required by the applicable program/project: ASTM-A-53, Swagelock; cast iron, galvanized, copper, bronze, and brass; PVC; and gaskets.

- D. FASTENERS All fasteners 1/4" and above in diameter
  - Bolts
  - Studs
  - Cap screws
  - High-strength washers
  - Nuts
  - Anchors.

NOTE: Attachment I identifies headmarkings for stainless steel and carbon steel high strength fasteners that are considered counterfeit. Fasteners exhibiting these headmarks are counterfeit and no further testing is required.

The following items are excluded, unless required by the applicable program/project: sheetmetal screws, wood screws, stove bolts, pan heads, machine screws, lag bolts, threaded rod, rivets, and carriage bolts.

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### ATTACHMENT C - SUSPECT/COUNTERFEIT ITEMS INFORMATION SOURCE LIST

A wide variety of industry and Government sources publish information relative to suspect/counterfeit products. The following sources provide information which is available on a continuing basis:

Industrial Fasteners Institute (IFI)

The following information is available from IFI via subscription:

- "Fastener Application Advisory" (Published Monthly)
- "North American Manufacturers Identification Markings for Fasteners"
- Fastener-related video cassettes.

The National Board of Pressure Vessel Inspectors (NBBI)

The NBBI publishes "National Board Bulletins" to alert manufacturers and users of misrepresented products as they are discovered.

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)

The NHTSA's Office of Defects Investigation issued a "Suspect Bolt List" in late 1990 identifying numerous fasteners, which they determined to be misrepresented.

Trade Journals and Magazines

There are numerous trade-oriented magazines which have carried articles identifying incidents of failure of substandard parts in industry applications which have caused personal injury and death, as well as serious property damage.

Newspaper and Television Reports

Another good source of information are news reports, which provide current accounts of problems encountered as a result of misrepresented products.

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)

The NRC issues bulletins, notices, and regulatory guidance on a continuing basis to alert nuclear power utilities of potential intrusion of misrepresented products into the operations environment of operating nuclear power plants.

U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) and U.S. Department of Commerce publications are also monitored by the DOE to assure that the deficiencies identified do not contaminate DOE facilities

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## ATTACHMENT C - SUSPECT/COUNTERFEIT ITEMS INFORMATION SOURCE LIST (cont.)

Government Industry Data Exchange Program (GIDEP)

The mission of this program, established by the Office of Management and Budget, is to support government systems readiness, logistics effectiveness, productivity, and cost reduction through timely retrieval, storage, and distribution of data among government and industry organizations.

### U.S. Department of Energy

The following documents are issued by the DOE to provide information and guidance relative to the suspect/counterfeit parts issue:

- DOE Orders
- Letters of Direction
- Bulletins and Quality Alerts

(In addition, the DOE periodically sponsors seminars/workshops relative to the detection and control of suspect/counterfeit parts).

### U.S. Customs Service

The U.S. Customs Service has published the Suspect Headmark List (Figure 1) identifying graded fasteners determined to be of indeterminate quality, which has been adopted by DOE and, ultimately, Project Hanford, as a formal guide for use when evaluating currently installed and newly procured graded fasteners to assure their fitness for use on the Hanford Site.

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## ATTACHMENT D - CHARACTERISTICS THAT MAY MAKE PRODUCTS VULNERABLE TO MISREPRESENTATION, FRAUDULENT PRACTICES, AND COUNTERFEITING

The following information has been extracted from the NRC Information Notice 89-70, Supplement 1, Attachment 3:

- High-turnover usage rate.
- No easy or practical way to uniquely mark the component itself.
- Critical characteristics, including environmental qualification not easily discernable in external visual inspection, or characteristics that are difficult to verify through receipt testing.
- May be widely used in non-critical and critical applications.
- Use may not result in used appearance.
- Often marketed through a supplier and dropped shipped from locations other than that of the original supplier.
- Special processes for ASME materials may be subcontracted (heat treating, testing, and inspections).
- Easily copied by secondary market suppliers.
- Viable salvage market.
- Reduced number of original equipment manufacturers.
- Obsolete or hard-to-get components.
- Components manufactured by a company that is no longer in business.
- Items with documentation from a plant where construction has been suspended, canceled, or deferred.
- Moderate or low cost.
- High potential for profit (rejected heats of material are purchased and decertified).

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### ATTACHMENT E - WHERE TO LOOK FOR SUSPECT/COUNTERFEIT ITEMS

The following areas should receive increased scrutiny to assure that suspect/counterfeit items are not evident:

### Items in Supply

- Company supply stock
- Wagon stock
- Other sources of supply contamination.

### Items in Use

- Plant facilities, components, and systems
- Equipment
- Operations and maintenance.

### Items Being Procured

- "Known" critical items
- Critical equipment and assemblies
- Non-critical "known" purchases.

### **Operations Decisions**

- Major disaster risks
- Personnel safety risks
- Program/mission risks (cost and schedule).

### Cost of Implementation

- Potential consequential costs
- Management risk assessment
- Cost of focusing established controls
- Impact on schedule and program mission.

### Cost of Focus on Known Suspect/Counterfeit Parts

- Uses existing procurement program
- Focuses on "known parts first"
- Reduction in major disaster potential
- Program costs low/benefits high.

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### ATTACHMENT F - SUSPECT/COUNTERFEIT PARTS DETECTION

It is very important to remember that just because an item is identified as being "suspect/counterfeit" it may not be appropriate to simply reject it. A review should be performed prior to formal disposition of the item to assure that it is indeed unfit for the intended application.

### **DETECTION METHODS**

### Visual Inspection

Items may be substandard or fraudulent when:

- Nameplates, labels, or tags have been altered, photocopied, painted over, are not secured well, show incomplete data, or are missing (e.g., preprinted labels normally show typed entries).
- Obvious attempts at beautification have been made, e.g., excess painting or wire brushing, evidence of hand painting (touch-up), or stainless steel is painted.
- Handmade parts are evident, gaskets are rough cut, shims and thin metal part edges show
  evidence of cutting or dressing by hand tools (filing, hacksaw marking, use of tin snips or
  nippers).
- Hand tool marks on fasteners or other assembly parts (upset metal exists on screw or bolt heads) or dissimilar parts are evident (e.g., seven or eight bolts are of the same material and one is a different material).
- Poor fit between assembled items.
- Configuration is not consistent with other items from the same supplier or varies from that indicated in supplier literature or drawings.
- Unusual box or packing of component or item.
- The supplier is not a factory-authorized distributor.
- Dimensions of the item are inconsistent with the specifications requested on the purchase order and/or those provided by the supplier at the time of shipment.
- The item or component matches the description of one that is on a suspect items list (e.g., U.S. Customs Service "Suspect Headmark List," National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors (NBBI) "Special Bulletin," etc.).

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#### Documentation

Documents may be suspect/counterfeit when:

- The use of correction fluid or correction tape is evident. Type or pitch change is evident.
- The document is not signed or initialed when required, is excessively faded or unclear (indicating multiple, sequential copying), or data are missing.
- The name or title of the document approved cannot be determined.
- Technical data is inconsistent (e.g., chemical analysis indicates one material and physical tests indicate another).
- Certification or test results are identical between items when normal variations should be expected.
- Document traceability is not clear. The document should be traceable to the item(s).
- Technical data are not consistent with code or standard requirements (e.g., no impact test results provided when impact testing is required or CMTRS physical test data indicate no heat treatment and heat treatment is required).
- Documentation is not delivered as required on the purchase order or is in an unusual format.
- Lines on forms are bent, broken, or interrupted indicating data has been deleted or exchanged (cut and paste).
- Handwritten entries of data are on the same document where typed or preprinted data exists.
- Data on a single line located at different heights indicate the possibility of retyping.

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#### **Fasteners**

- Headmarkings are marred, missing, or appear to have been altered.
- Threads show evidence of dressing or wear (threads should be of uniform color and finish).
- Headmarkings are inconsistent with a heat lot.
- Headmarkings matching one of those identified on the U.S. Customs Service, "Suspect Headmark List" (Figure QP 3.2-1).
  - Headmarkings which depict both raised and hand-stamped markings, such as those described in WHC Quality Assurance Bulletin # 94-01, "Discrepant Dual Head Stamped Stainless Steel Bolts." This bulletin documents the results of internal inspections and independent testing of stainless steel bolts purchased to ASTM A193, Grade B8, which were found to be substandard.
  - Only manufacturers listed on the "Suspect Fastener Headmark List" (Figure QP 3.2-1) are known to produce substandard graded fasteners. If graded fasteners are discovered which exhibit headmarks matching those on the Suspect/Fastener Headmark List, they shall be considered to be defective without further testing, unless traceable manufacturer's certifications are received which provide documented evidence that the fasteners were not produced by the manufacturer listed on the Suspect Fastener Headmark List.
  - Interpretation of headmark/manufacturers listed on the "Suspect Fastener Headmark List," including newly discovered variations thereto, shall only be provided by the designated S/CI coordinator based on guidance received from the DOE.

#### Electrical Devices

- Connections show evidence of previous attachment (metal upset or marring).
- Connections show arcing or discoloration.
- Fasteners are loose, missing, or show metal upset.
- Molded case circuit breakers are not consistent with manufacturer-provided checklists for detecting substandard/fraudulent breakers.
- Missing or photocopied Underwriters Laboratories (UL) labels on products requiring such.

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# Rotating Machinery and Valve Internal Parts

- Shows marring, tool impressions, wear marks, traces of Prussian blue or lapping compound, or other evidence of previous attempts at fit up or assembly.
- Heat discoloration is evident.
- Evidence of erosion, corrosion, wire-drawing or "dimples" (inverted cone-shaped impressions) on valve discs, seats, or pump impellers.

#### Valves

#### Paint

- Valve appears to be freshly painted and valve stem has paint on it
- Wear marks on any painted surface
- Valve stem is protected, but protection has paint on it
- Paint does not match standard Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) color.

# Valve Tags

- Tags attached with screws instead of rivets
- Tags attached in a different location than normal
- Tags appear to be worn or old
- Tags with paint on them
- Tags that look newer than the valve
- Tags with no part numbers
- Tags with irregular stamping.

# Hand Wheels

- Old looking hand wheels on new looking valves
- Hand wheels that look sand blasted or newer than the valve
- Different types of hand wheels on valves of the same manufacturer.

#### Bolts and Nuts

- Bolts and nuts have a used appearance (excessive wrench marks on flats)
- Improper bolt/nut material (e.g., a bronze nut on a stainless stem).

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- Valve Body
  - Ground off casting marks with other markings stamped in the area (OEM markings are nearly always raised, not stamped)
  - Signs of weld repairs
  - Incorrect dimensions
  - Freshly sand-blasted appearance, including eye bolts, grease fittings, stem, etc.
  - Evidence of previous bolt head scoring on backsides of flanges, or evidence that this area has been ground to remove such marks
  - On a stainless valve, a finish that is unusually shiny indicates bead-blasting. A finish that is unusually dull indicates sand-blasting. The finish on a new valve is in-between.

# Manufacturer's Logo

- Missing.
- Logo plate looks newer than the valve.
- Logo plate shows signs of discoloration from previous use.

#### Other

- Foreign material inside the valve (e.g., metal shavings).
- Valve stem packing that shows all the adjustments have been run out.
- In gate valves, a gate that is off-center when checked through the open end of the valve.
- Obvious differences between valves in the same shipment.

#### Price

• Price is significantly less than that of the competition.

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#### ATTACHMENT G - FASTENERS

# 1.0 Counterfeit/Substandard High-Strength Bolts

#### 1.1 General Background

Counterfeit bolts have been found in military and commercial aircraft, surface ships, submarines, nuclear weapon production facilities, bridges, buildings, and the space shuttle. These bolts often do not possess the capabilities of the genuine bolts they counterfeit and can threaten the reliability of industrial and consumer products, National Security, or lives. At Congressional hearings in 1987, the Army testified that they had purchased bolts that bore the headmarks of Grade 8 high-strength bolts, but that were actually inferior Grade 8.2 bolts.

The International Fasteners Institute (IFI) reported finding substandard, mis-marked, and/or counterfeit high-strength Grade 8 bolts in the United States commercial marketplace. In 1988, IFI reported that counterfeit medium- strength Grade 5 bolts had also been found.

Foreign bolts dominate the American marketplace due to their price advantage, and the majority of suspect/counterfeit bolts are imported. Identifying, testing, and replacing these bolts has proven expensive and difficult, both mechanically and technically. Not finding and replacing these bolts, however, has proven fatal in some instances.

#### 1.2 Headmarks

Attachment I may be removed and photocopied, as needed, for use as a poster and reference to known suspect fastener headmarks. Bolts with the headmarkings shown have a significant likelihood of being found to be inferior to standards. Generally, the cost of replacement of these bolts is less than the cost of chemical, hardness, and tensile strength testing. Note also that counterfeit bolts can be delivered with counterfeit certificates. Documentation alone is insufficient to demonstrate compliance with standards.

#### 1.3 Consensus Standards

There are several consensus organizations that have published standards for the properties of fasteners. One of these is the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE). The SAE grade (or alleged grade on a suspect item) of a bolt is indicated by raised or indented radial lines on the bolt's head, as shown in Attachment I. These markings are called headmarks. DOE is currently concerned with two different grades of fasteners: one has three equally spaced radial lines on the head of a bolt which indicate that it should meet the specifications for a Grade 5 bolt; the other has six equally spaced radial lines which indicate a Grade 8 bolt. Letters or symbols on the head of a bolt indicate the manufacturer.

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# **ATTACHMENT G - FASTENERS (cont.)**

Attachment I is a Suspect/Counterfeit Headmark List that was prepared by the United States Customs Service after extensive testing of many samples of bolts from around the nation. Any bolts anywhere in the DOE community that are currently in stock, in bins, or installed that are on the Customs Headmark List should be considered suspect/counterfeit. The headmarks on this list are those of manufacturers that have often been found to have sold bolts that did not meet the indicated consensus standards. Sufficient testing has been done on the bolts on this list to presume them defective without further testing.

# 1.4 Precautions: Selective Testing

Some facilities (manufacturers, distributors, etc.) perform <u>selective</u> testing of sample bolts rather than have an independent testing laboratory run all the tests required by consensus standards. In many cases, a new counterfeit bolt has roughly the same physical strength as the graded bolt it mimics, but does not have either the chemical composition or the heat treatment specified by the consensus standards. As a result, it will stretch, exhibit metal fatigue, or corrode under less harsh service than the genuine bolt. Simple tensile strength tests cannot be used to identify substandard high-strength fasteners and should not be solely relied upon in performing acceptance test.

#### 1.5 Using Suspect/Counterfeit Grade 5 Bolts in Grade 2 Applications

Some sites use suspect/counterfeit Grade 5 bolts in applications that only call for Grade 2 bolts. Eventually, the suspect/counterfeit Grade 5 bolts may find its way into an application that requires a genuine Grade 5 bolt and that application may fail. In some cases, cheap imported graded bolts have been purchased in place of upgraded bolts because the small price differential made the extra quality seem to be a bargain. Given the expense of removing suspect bolts from DOE facilities, the practice of using suspect bolts for any application should be discontinued.

#### 1.6 Keep Bolts in Original Packages

All bolts purchased should be kept in the original packages, not emptied into bins. The packages should have labels or other markings that would permit them to be associated with a particular procurement action and a specific vendor. Approved supplier lists should be checked to assure that fastener suppliers on that list have been recently qualified/audited for adequacy of their quality programs.

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# 2.0 Stainless Steel fasteners

#### 2.1 Purpose

To provide follow-up information to the previous notification sent to the DOE field and contractor organizations in late 1996.

# 2.2 Background

In November 1993, the Industrial Fastener Institute (IFI) issued a Fastener Advisory regarding 18-8 stainless steel bolts. The advisory warned about a "bait and switch" tactic in which a distributor takes an 18-8 bolt (indicated by two radial lines 90 degrees apart), but no manufacturer's marking, and sells them as ASTM A320 Grade B8 bolts after hand-stamping B8 on to the heads.

As a result of this IFI Advisory, DOE sites conducted a search of facility stores for stainless steel fasteners with hand-stamped B8 grade marks. Hundreds of stainless steel bolts with hand-stamped B8 grade markings, along with a variety of other raised and depressed head and manufacturer's markings were identified in facility stores throughout the DOE complex.

For example, an inspection of shop stock at a Hanford Site facility revealed bolts with three different raised grade markings, 18-8, 304, and F593C, along with raised manufacturer's identifications of CK, H, HP, C, SO, CS, PMC, TH, THE, and a STAR. The majority of the remaining samples found at Hanford exhibited raised grade markings of 18-8 and 304, with a B8 grade marking and manufacturer's identification hand-stamped into the head of the bolt.

Finally, a few samples did not display any manufacturer's markings. Most of the bolts discovered were purchased with the specification to meet a national consensus standard, American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) A193, B8 Class 1 rather than the ASTM A320 standard discussed in the IFI warning.

The Savannah River Site also conducted a site-wide search of facility stores with similar results. A total of 159 stainless steel fasteners with hand-stamped B8 grade marks and raised or hand-stamped manufacturer's symbols were found. Fifteen stainless steel fasteners that had no manufacturer's symbol were also found.

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# 2.3 Issue

The requirements of the ASTM A193 standard regarding fastener marking and certification are very similar those required by the ASTM A320 standard discussed in the IFI advisory. The ASTM A193 standard requires that grade and manufacturer's identification symbols be applied to the heads of bolts that are larger than 1/4" in diameter. The standard, however, does not specifically differentiate between raised and depressed headmarkings, but states only that "for the purposes of identification marking, the manufacturer is considered the organization that certifies the fastener was manufactured, sampled, tested, inspected in accordance with this specification." In other words, the standard allows for some of the required markings to be formed into the head of the bolt (either raised or lowered) during manufacturing, and the rest to be applied later on via hand-stamping.

Since ASTM A193 does not differentiate between raised and depressed markings, these fasteners can be counterfeited in the same way as the ASTM A320 fasteners discussed in the November 1993 IFI warning. For example, distributors can procure 18-8 stainless steel bolts that were manufactured by an anonymous party, and without conducting the necessary upgrading process or certification testing, a second party could hand-stamp B8 and a manufacturer's marking into the heads to indicate that the fasteners exhibit the mechanical and chemical properties required of ASTM A193Grade B8 Class 1.

Unless the certification documentation is specifically requested, and in most cases it is not, there is no way to determine by visual inspection whether these fasteners were properly certified and tested to meet the requirements of the ASTM standard.

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> F593C **B8**

F5930 B8

ATTACHMENT H - DOE HEADMARK LIST



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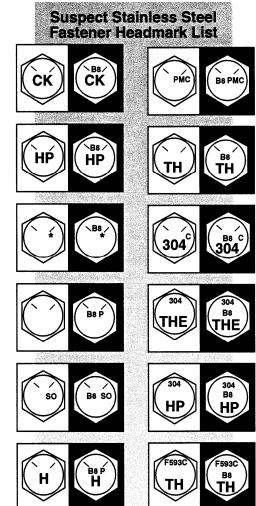
# Help Stamp Out **Suspects/Counterfeits**

Examples of stainless steel fasteners that have been upgraded from 18-8 to ASTM A320 or ASTM A193 Grade B8 after hand stamping. The last three examples show samples of fasteners to indicate conformance to two non-compatible standards, ASTM A193 and ASTM F 593C.

Any bolt on this list should be treated as defective without further testing and process in accordance with HNF-PRO-301. Note: This list was originally Published by DOE /EH-0196, Issue No. 97-6

If any of these fasteners are located, contact your facility S/CI Point of Contact (POC) for instructions. The POC list is on the Hanford Intranet at: http://docs.rl.gov/han.info/ hlansci/hlansci.doc. Scroll to the end of the document for the list.





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# ATTACHMENT H - DOE HEADMARK LIST (cont.)

# Help Stamp Out Suspects/Counterfeits



#### **Suspect Fastener Headmark List** All Grade 5 and Grade 8 fasteners of foreign origin which do not bear any manufacturers' headmarks: Grade 5 Grade 8 Grade 5 fasteners with the following Manufacturers' headmarks: Mark Manufacturer Mark Manufacturer KS Kosaka Kogyo (JP) Jinn Her (TW) Grade 8 fasteners with the following Manufacturers' headmarks: Manufacturer Manufacturer Mark Mark Asahi Mgf (JP) Kosaka Kogyo (JP) KS Α Takai Ltd (JP) NF Nippon Fasteners (JP) Fastener Co. of Japan (JP) н Hinomoto Metal (JP) FΜ М Minamida Sieybo (JP) Kyoei Mfg (JP) Jinn Her (TW) MS Minato Kogyo (JP) Hollow Infasco (CA, TW, JP, YU) (Greater than 1/2-inch diameter Triangle Grade 8 Hollow Triangle only) UNY Unytite (JP) Ε Daiei (JP) Grade 8.2 fasteners with the following headmarks:

Mark Manufacturer

KS Kosaka Kogyo (JP)

Grade A325 fasteners (Bennett Denver target only) with the following headmarks:

Type 1

Mark
Manufacturer

A325

A325

KS

Mark
Manufacturer

A325

KS

KS

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Mark
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Key: CA-Canada, JP-Japan, TW-Taiwan, YU-Yugoslavia

Any bolt on this list should be treated as defective without further testing.

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#### ATTACHMENT I - REFURBISHED MOLDED CASE CIRCUIT BREAKERS

Investigations thus far of electrical components at DOE facilities uncovered over 700 suspect/counterfeit molded-case circuit breakers that were previously used, refurbished and sold to DOE contractors.

# 1. Recognition Factors

The following factors should be recognized regarding suspect or refurbished circuit breakers:

- A. The quality and safety of refurbished molded-case circuit breakers is questionable since they are not designed to be taken apart and serviced or refurbished. There are no electrical standards established by Underwriters Laboratory (UL) for the refurbishing of molded-case electrical circuit breakers, nor are there any "authorized" refurbishes of molded case circuit breakers. Therefore, "refurbished" molded-case circuit breakers should not be accepted for use in any DOE facility.
- B. One source of refurbished molded-case circuit breakers is from the demolition of old buildings. Some refurbishes are junk dealers who may change the amperage labels on the circuit breakers to conform to the amperage ordered and then merely clean and shine the breakers.
  - This situation was brought to DOE's attention by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), which, in turn, had been informed of the practice by the company that manufactures circuit breakers. In early 1988, a sales representative identified "refurbished" circuit breakers at Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant. A subsequent investigation confirmed that circuit breakers sold to the power plant as new equipment were actually refurbished. The managers of the two firms that refurbished and sold these breakers have been convicted of fraud and have paid a substantial fine.
- C. NRC published information Notice No. 88-46 dated July 8, 1988, on the investigation findings and circulated it to all applicable government agencies, including DOE. On July 20, 1988, DOE notified all field offices that refurbished circuit breakers may have been installed in critical systems. Shortly thereafter, DOE established the Suspect Equipment Notification System (SENS), a sub-module of ES&H Events and News on the Safety Performance Measurement System (SPMS). SENS has since been replaced by the Supplier Evaluation and Suspect Equipment (SESE) sub-module which includes Suspect Equipment Reports.
- D. Some of DOE's older sites have circuit breakers in use that are no longer manufactured. According to the Nuclear Management and Resources Council (NUMARC), examples of such breakers are Westinghouse breakers with frames E, EA, F, and FA. If a DOE contractor has an electrical box that requires a breaker with one of these frame sizes, that contractor would not have been able to purchase it from Westinghouse for several years. If the contractor were to order a replacement breaker from an authorized Westinghouse dealer, the dealer could not get a new replacement breaker from the manufacturer. To fill the order, the dealer had to turn to the secondary or refurbished market.

# ATTACHMENT I - REFURBISHED MOLDED CASE CIRCUIT BREAKERS (cont.)

Dealing with an authorized distributor does not preclude ending up with refurbished circuit breakers. Westinghouse has announced that it is considering satisfying this market by manufacturing circuit breakers that will fit in these applications.

The solution, as recommended by NUMARC, is not to focus on the credentials of the distributor but on the traceability of the circuit breaker itself. A purchaser can be assured of having a new circuit breaker only if the breaker can be traced back to the original manufacturer.

#### 2. Indicators of Refurbished Breakers

Typically, refurbished circuit breakers sold as new equipment have one or more of the following characteristics:

The style of breaker is no longer manufactured.

The breakers may have come in cheap, generic-type packaging instead of in the manufacturer's original boxes.

Refurbished circuit breakers are often bulk-packaged in plastic bags, brown paper bags, or cardboard boxes with handwritten labels. New circuit breakers are packed individually in boxes that are labeled with the manufacturer's name, which is usually in two or more colors, and are often date stamped.

The original manufacturer's labels and/or the Underwriter's Laboratory (UL) or Factory Mutual (FM) labels may have been counterfeited or removed from the breaker. Refurbishing operations have been known to use copying machines to produce poor quality copies of the original manufacturer's and the certifying body's labels.

Breakers may be labeled with the refurbisher's name rather than the label of a known manufacturer.

The manufacturer's seal (often multicolored) across the two halves of the case of the breaker is broken or missing.

Wire lugs (connectors) show evidence of tampering.

The surface of the circuit breaker may be nicked or scratched yet have a high gloss. Refurbishers often coat breakers with clear plastic to produce a high gloss that gives the casual observer the impression that the breaker is new. The plastic case of new circuit breakers often have a dull appearance.

Some rivets may have been removed and the case may be held together by wood screws, metal screws, or nuts and bolts.

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Contradictory amperage ratings may appear on different parts of the same refurbished breaker. On a new breaker, the amperage rating is stamped into, raised from, or machine-painted on the handle of the circuit breaker. In order to supply a breaker with a hard-to-find rating, refurbishers have been known to file down the surface of the handle to remove the original rating and hand-paint the desired amperage rating.

# 3. Testing

In a news release dated February 6, 1989, the National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA) announced the cancellation of its Publication AB-2-1984 entitled, "Procedures for Field Inspection and Performance Verification of Molded-Case Circuit Breakers used in Commercial and Industrial Applications," and stated the following:

"These procedures were intended for use with breakers that had been originally tested and calibrated in accordance with NEMA Standards Publication AB 1 or Underwriters Laboratories Standard UL 489, and not subsequently opened, cleaned or modified...Therefore, the Standards Publication contained none of the destructive test procedures...necessary to verify the product's ability to withstand such conditions as full voltage overload or short circuit. Without such tests, even if a rebuilt breaker had passed the tests specified in AB-2, there would be no assurance that it would not fail under overload or short circuit conditions. It is NEMA's position that regardless of the results of electrical testing, refurbished electrical circuit breakers are not reliable and should not be used."

#### 4. Precautions

Follow these precautions regarding suspect or refurbished circuit breakers.

- A. Require that molded-case breakers be new and unaltered. Proof that they are new and unaltered requires the vendor to show traceability back to the original manufacturer.
- B. Do not rely completely on dealing with authorized dealers for protection from purchasing refurbished molded-case circuit breakers.
- C. Approve formal procedures for inspecting circuit breakers that are received and installed according to the indicators of refurbished breakers listed above.
- D. Contact the original manufacturer if any indication of misrepresentation is encountered. There are many original manufacturers of molded-case circuit breakers whose products are being refurbished and sold as new. These manufacturers have the most specific information about how to ensure that their products have not been refurbished.

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# 5. Disposition

- A. Segregate and retain all circuit breakers found with indications that they may be refurbished. These will be retained as potential evidence until specifically released by the Office of Inspector General and the Office of Nuclear Safety for Price Anderson Enforcement. Circuit breakers that may be refurbished may only be disposed of when the above organizations no longer need them as evidence.
- B. Report suspect electrical components to Occurrence Reporting and Processing System (ORPS). The ORPS categorization group should be identified as "Cross-Category items, Potential Concerns or issues." The description of cause section in the ORPS report should included the text "suspect counterfeit parts."
- C. Witness and document the destruction of all suspect/counterfeit circuit breakers when approval is given for disposal.

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# ATTACHMENT J - ASSESSMENT/SURVEILLANCE LINES OF INQUIRY

- 1. S/CI processes and other S/CI related processes are effective in addressing the safety-related aspects of S/CI.
- 2. Formal supplier qualification and re-qualification processes are established and implemented, including routine collection of evaluations of feedback on vendor performance.
- 3. Controls are established on a graded basis that considers the risks involved and historical experience with S/CIs.
- 4. Controls are implemented for segregation and separate storage of material identified as suspect/counterfeit
- 5. Subcontractors have established and implemented sufficient controls to preclude an introduction or use of S/CIs. These controls address construction materials, maintenance or modification equipment and components, and the use subcontractor owned or rented equipment (cranes, hoists, etc.) on site.
- 6. S/CI processes, requirements, and controls are fully integrated into Integrated Safety Management (ISM) and quality assurance programs and procedures, e.g., training, procurement, maintenance, and assessment) to ensure adequate linkage to S/CI elements.
- 7. Expectations are established for timeliness in determining whether nonconforming items are S/CI.
- 8. Protocols are established for clearly identifying S/CIs that are determined to be acceptable for use
- 9. Inspections for S/CI materials are incorporated into routine maintenance activities, and clear guidance is provided for the disposition of installed S/CI materials identified during routine inspections and maintenance activities.
- 10. Expectations for S/CI controls are integrated within existing processes, such as routine and special inspections for S/CIs in site procedures, and guidance is provided for performing such inspections.
- 11. Roles and responsibilities and interfaces for management of S/CIs are clearly assigned, including provisions for the handling of sensitive information and interfacing with the local Office of the Inspector General (IG), to ensure effective, consistent, and timely communication of S/CI information.
- 12. S/CI reporting requirements are effectively integrated into the site contractors' processes for disposition of non-conforming items, such as NCR processes, as required by appropriate DOE directives.
- 13. Lessons learned processes are evaluated to determine whether all available and relevant information resources, such as the Government Industry Data Exchange Program (GIDEP), are being utilized for screening S/CI and other relevant information for potential applicability to site activities.

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- 14. Lessons learned processes are evaluated to ensure that significant requirements and performance expectations have been established for the documentation of applicability reviews, needed actions, and actions taken for lessons learned that require line management attention and action.
- 15. Lessons learned requiring line management actions are integrated with the site's corrective action management processes to ensure formal tracking, feedback, and closure of actions taken.
- 16. Corrective actions and management procedures include formal linkage to S/CI reporting requirements for the site office, Occurrence Reporting System (ORPS), contractor General Counsel, and the IG.
- 17. Site mechanisms, such as a controlled product list, are established and used to maintain current and accurate information on S/CIs. Provisions are available for making this list readily available to site personnel who have S/CI responsibilities for procurement, inspection, and other areas associated with the implementation of S/CI controls.
- 18. S/CI training programs-include the identification of positions and associated personnel required to receive training, the processes for designating those personnel who must receive initial and refresher training, and the required frequencies for refresher training.
- 19. All personnel involved in design, system engineering, procurement, inspection, maintenance, and other functions involving potential S/CI materials receive S/CI process and hands-on training.
- 20. Training programs place special emphasis on ensuring that system engineers involved in the design, procurement, and inspection of materials and components with the potential for S/CI receive such training.
- 21. Subcontractors involved in the procurement or handling of potential S/CI materials and components receive initial and refresher training and are knowledgeable of site S/CI processes, procedures, requirements, and controls.
- 22. S/CI training addresses site-specific processes and procedures for identifying, dispositioning, and reporting S/CIs, including reporting to the IG.
- 23. S/CI processes are subject to regular self-assessment, consistent with site self-assessment protocol.
- 24. Assessments are performed for S/CI processes to evaluate significant changes to the S/CI processes and to establish a baseline for implementation where appropriate. Based on that baseline review, further assessments are tailored to the maturity of the S/CI processes.
- 25. S/CI lines of inquiry are considered and evaluated, as appropriate, during assessments of areas that interface with S/CI processes (procurement process, NCR process, etc.).

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#### ATTACHMENT K – RECENTLY IDENTIFIED S/CI ISSUES

- 1. Suspect/Counterfeit Fasteners not Listed on Attachment H.
  - A. Several metric bolts with head markings of 8.8 have been identified without manufacturer's head markings. Although metric bolts are not included on the DOE Headmark List, a suspect item is defined as one in which there is an indication by visual inspection, testing, or other information that it may not conform to established government or industry-accepted specifications or national consensus standards. ASTM F 568M-04, "Standard Specification for Carbon and Alloy Steel Externally Threaded Metric Fasteners," states the following: "Bolts and screws, except those...(smaller than M5), shall be marked permanently and clearly to identify the property class and the manufacturer. The manufacturer's identification symbol shall be of his design." The property class symbols for metric bolts include 4.6, 4.8, 5.8, 8.8, 9.8, 10.9, and 12.9.

When metric bolts marked with property class symbols that do not have the manufacturer's identification symbol in accordance with ASTM F 568M-04 are identified, these bolts shall be treated as suspect.

B. "J, "KS," and "K" manufacturers head markings are still being received. These items still remain S/CI regardless of the position of the suspect manufacturer head markings (e.g., centered vs. off to the side).

#### 2. Lessons learned.

A. Incomplete information from the B-Line vendor resulted in 3000 spring nuts being removed from stores and placed on hold.

# Background:

On July 3, 2002, DOE Lessons Learned 2002-RL-HNF-0038 stated that "channel spring nuts used in the assembly of conduit supports and assemblies were noted not to have manufacturers' identification marks. A representative in B-Line Engineering Department stated that a "BL" and size designator are required to be stamped on each nut by the drawing."

FFTF Maintenance management removed the questionable spring nuts from the ready use bins and recommended other facilities using the generic spring nuts need to evaluate them against specifications to ensure that they are adequate for use.

This information was incorporated into the DOE S/CI Item Awareness training manual and issued in May, 2006. The manual identified spring nuts with no manufacturer's markings, part number, or heat lot number, as counterfeit. As a result, CH2M HILL personnel inspected thousands of spring nuts, placing the majority on hold unnecessarily.

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# ATTACHMENT K – RECENTLY IDENTIFIED S/CI ISSUES (cont.)

#### Analysis:

The product manufacturer (B-Line) reviewed information and photographs of the spring nut packaging in question and determined that "none of the product is counterfeit and it is all authentic B-Line parts." They noted that their past practice was for some of their manufacturers to produce spring nuts and ship them without markings of any type.

CH2M HILL Engineering noted that B-Line specified standard grade (ASTM-A-108 or A-36) steel for spring nuts and that counterfeiting this was unreasonable.

NOTE: NCR CH-06-NCR-013 identified this issue and the disposition was to accept-as-is with the information received from B-Line. Surveillance CH-06-RPP-QSR-064 was also issued to document the process through which CH2M HILL completed the research with B-Line to come to the conclusion of accept-as-is on the noted NCR.